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Tomohiro SAITO )  
Application No.: 10/796,183 ) Group Art Unit: 1746  
Filed: March 10, 2004 ) Examiner: Not yet assigned  
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND ) Confirmation No. 2731  
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING )  
THE SAME )

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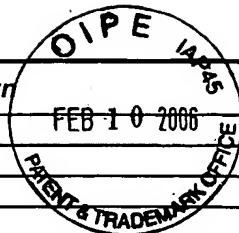
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